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Site Mitigation and Brownfields Reuse Program February 2006

DTSC Funds Site Investigation at Six Brownfields Sites

SELECTED SITES – 2006

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is providing technical services to perform investigation work at six sites throughout California. These services are part of the Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) program funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The TSIs are being performed in collaboration with the Regional and State Water Resources Control Boards (Water Boards) to encourage brownfields redevelopment in the state.

The TSI program is available to government agencies and non-profit organizations with specific brownfield projects that involve redevelopment on potentially contaminated properties. DTSC offers this service with the objective to further characterize sites planned for redevelopment and reuse and to reduce the uncertainty associated with perceived contamination at no cost to the program applicant.

The Selected Projects for 2006 include:

City of West Oakland – The Alliance for West Oakland is using the TSI services to conduct soil, soil gas and groundwater sampling to determine the existence of contamination at the 3.8 acre West Oakland BART Station. Ground penetrating radar will also be used to determine if there are any existing underground structures or tanks. This site is part of the larger Mandela Transit Village that will include mixed-use residential including local retail and serve as a cultural hub.

City of Sacramento - TSI services will be used to trace the source of contamination in the area proposed as the Swanston Station Village Transit Plan including the Royal Oaks Light Rail Station. City leaders hope to develop a higher density mixed use housing as a transit livable community. Understanding the contamination issues will remove current barriers to the proposed redevelopment project.

City of National City – Public Works Yard (Parkside Property) – This 3.6 acre vacant lot is adjacent to the City's public works yard within the Westside Neighborhood. Years of leasing the land to a private business to store containers and bins has likely caused soil contamination. The City plans to transfer a portion of the property for redevelopment and expand the Paradise Creek Education Park.



City of Los Angeles – The Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles will evaluate several blocks within the Adams-LaBrea area, which is blighted and contains several properties suspected of being contaminated with hazardous materials. Redevelopment plans include development of commercial, retail and residential activities that integrates public meeting space, greenspace to function as the community center.

City of Oakland (Housing Authority) – Just over two acres in size, soil contamination was likely caused by former operations including a pasta manufacturing business, auto repair facility and a trucking service. TSI services will be used to conduct soil, soil gas and groundwater sampling to determine the extent of contamination. Ground penetrating radar will also be used to determine if there are any existing underground structures or tanks. The City Housing Authority plans to incorporate the land into an ongoing residential housing development to enhance the community's livability and provide additional affordable housing.

City of Santa Fe Springs - This unimproved property is proposed as a residential community to alleviate current housing shortages. This blighted, vacant property has been an eyesore to the community for decades. The TSI service will assist in determining the degree of contamination caused by historic industrial activities and oil operations.

DTSC's EnviroStor provides information about site undergoing assessment and remediation under the oversight of DTSC. EnviroStor can be accessed through DTSC's web site link:
www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/.

For additional information on the Targeted Site Investigation Program or other brownfields programs please visit www.dtsc.ca.gov or call:

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